

Virginia Green **Partner**Profile:



Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce

Luray, VA

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** expects its participants to strive to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that customers can expect to find when they work with or visit the offices of this organization.

Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce

"Smart Business Today for a Brighter Tomorrow" The Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce serves members from the Page County region which encompasses businesses from Luray, Stanley and Shenandoah. The Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce provides its members unique business development programs, valuable resources, effective marketing, networking opportunities and business advocacy at all levels.

CORE ACTIVITIES for Partner Organizations

- Support Virginia Green. Pledge to promote the efforts of Virginia Green to your clients, members and staff and encourage them to join or do business with Virginia Green participants.
 - Encourage clients who are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green
 - Strive to design projects that minimize overall environment impacts and incorporate the use of efficient systems and sustainable materials.
 - Send out an email or mailer to membership about Virginia Green
 - Make an official Virginia Green Endorsement through your board or other committee to support Virginia Green
 - Include a Virginia Green feature in your newsletter or other publication
 - Highlight your involvement in Virginia Green on your website and include a link to your Virginia Green profile
- Green Meetings and Conferences. Provide recycling and make an effort to reduce the use of Styrofoam and other disposables at meetings and conferences.
 - Minimize copying and always make 2-sided copies
 - Eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups and plates
 - Serve water in pitchers and glassware instead of bottles
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. All facilities/offices should have some sort of visible recycling program.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard, Packing Supplies

Water Efficiency. All facilities/offices must attempt to conserve water and use it efficiently.

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater

Energy Conservation. All facilities/offices should have a plan that encourages energy conservation and efficiency.

For more information on **Luray-Page Chamber of Commerce**, see <u>www.luarypage.com</u> or contact Karen Riddle at <u>Karen.riddle@luraypage.com</u>.

For more information on *Virginia Green* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen.



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